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## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO MARCH 25, 2004 OFFICE ACTION & PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

## **Introductory Comments** A.

This Amendment is submitted in response to the March 25, 2004 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the March 25, 2004 Office Action was due on June 25, 2004. Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time, from June 25, 2004 to September 25, 2004, to respond to the Office Action of March 25, 2004. The fee for a three month extension is \$930 for a large entity and a check for this amount is enclosed. With the three month extension, a response is due on September 25, 2004. Because September 25, 2004 fell on a Saturday a response is timely filed if filed on the next business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, which in this case is Monday September 27, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.